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Gardner, Wakefield Impress In 18-12 Decision Over Herndon

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Wakefield's footballers returned from Herndon Saturday evening with their fourth win of the 1954 campaign, downing the Hornets 18-12, and bringing their season mark to four wins against two setbacks.

Don Gardner was the Warriors' big ground gainer, and personally accounted for 12 of his team's points, half of these in the fourth quarter which broke a 12-12 deadlock and spelled victory for the Southside school.

After a stalemated first quarter, the Warriors halted a Herndon drive on their 14, and marched 86 yards in 7 plays for the initial score of the game. Tom Perkins made nine around end, Gardner eight off tackle, Henry Mayo five more before Gardner again hit right tackle on a 24 yard jaunt to the Herndon 40. Rick Schlapohl picked up three but Perkins lost one to the 38. Wood then ran to his left and tossed to Mert McGill on the 15, Mert carrying into the end zone for the score on a 38 yard play and a 6-0 lead. The extra point attempt was blocked.

Herndon took the kickoff and put the ball in play on the 19. Then, on a sustained drive of 81 yards, tied the score. Gerry Hutchison and John Slepetz carried the home team to the two yard marker, where Slepetz bucked off tackle for the score. Wakefield broke through to block the extra point attempt, leaving the score at 6-6 which it remained at halftime.

Opening strong in the third quarter, Wakefield put the pigskin in play on their 22 and drove the remaining distance to once again take the lead. Gardner carried for seven, Schlapohl off tackle to the Warriors' 45, where a fifteen yard penalty moved the ball to the Herndon 40. Mayo handed to Gardner for nine and Perkins romped around left end for 18 yards, but a clipping penalty was called against Wakefield. The penalty was marked off at the point of the foul which put the ball on the Herndon's 30 which was still good for a first down. Schlapohl picked up nine off tackle but an off-side penalty and a one yard loss put the ball back on the 27. Jimmy Edwards started around left end then tossed to Gardner on the four, where he out-fought two defenders for a beautiful catch and scampered over the double chalked mark for the touchdown. The attempted kick for extra point hit the goal post and bounced back to put Wakefield in front 12-6 midway in the third quarter.

Not to be denied, Herndon put on another march, after running back the kick off to the Herndon 47. Hutchison and Slepetz moved the ball on the ground but the big yardage was gained on a Gray Hanes to Roy Fox pass which netted 32 yards. Slepetz finally crossed up the defense, and instead of running up the middle, took off around right end for the score. The vital extra point was wide of the cross bars and the score was again knotted at 12-12.

Both teams exchanged punts midway through the fourth and final quarter, as neither club could generate a drive. Wakefield finally started a rally on their own 38 and traveled the remaining 62 yards for the winning tally. Schlapohl, Gardner and Mayo carried the ball to the Herndon 28, where John Wood again pulled the running left play, tossing to Edwards on the 10, and he carried to the one-half yard line before halted by a host of defenders. Don Gardner bucked over tackle on the next play for the deciding score, the extra point was again missed but the Warriors held off a last minute desperation passing rally which was halted on the Wakefield 14 as the final gun sounded, the Arlington school bringing home a well deserved 18-12 victory.

Next Friday the Warriors take on the George Washington high's JV's at Wakefield, gametime is 3:30 p.m.

Wakefield		Herndon			
12	First Downs Rushing	13	4		
0	First Downs Passing	4	4		
1	First Downs Penalties	6	6		
8	Passes Attempted	14	14		
3	Passes Completed	5	5		
3	Passes Intercepted By	0	0		
200	Net Yardage Rushing	205	205		
92	Net Yardage Passing	154	154		
232	Total Net Yardage	359	359		
8	Number Punts	3	3		
38	Average Distance Punts	35	35		
10	Yardage Punt Returns	35	35		
1	Fumbles	1	1		
1	Opponent's Fumbles Recovered	0	0		
4	Yardage Lost Penalties	45	45		
Wakefield		Herndon			
Lederle	LE	J. Miller			
Gordon	LT	McCrabon			
Kennedy	LG	Smith			
Parker	C	Eiglin			
Fatalivo	RG	Red			
Stamp	RT	Edwin			
McGill	RE	Fox			
Mayo	QB	Hanes			
Gardner	LB	C. Miller			
Schlapohl	RB	Hutchison			
Perkins	FB	Slepetz			
Alternates (Wakefield): Lacy, J. Wood, Edwards, Mohrhardt, French, Baumbaugh, Webster, Booth, Macintosh, Pennell, Tempaki, Redd, Miller, E. Hall, Morris					
Alternates (Herndon): Darcey, Kerns, Williams, Leigh, Downs, Simmons, Doc, Dees, Costello, Jacobson					
Wakefield		0	6	6	6-18
Herndon		0	6	6	6-12
Touchdown Wakefield: McGill, Gardner					
(3) Touchdowns (Herndon): Slepetz (3)					



GOING DOWN: Henry Mayo, Wakefield's quarterback, is shown about to bring down Herndon ball carrier Gerry Hutchison (22), after a short gain around right end in the third quarter at Herndon.

Coming up to assist in the tackle are Bob Webster, (12), Dave Mohrhardt (8) and Al Lederle, (15), all of Wakefield. (Photo by Steve Moore)